

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Rick Houghton, who will graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point next year and who now is an intern in my office, be accorded the privilege of the floor during today's session of the Senate.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SANDERS. I ask unanimous consent that Winoka Begay, Jessica Borchert, Julian Carr, Kelley Fry, and Dane Lauritzen, from the office of Senator BINGAMAN, be granted the privileges of the floor for today, June 24, 2008.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Matthew Solomon, a detailee on Senator LEAHY's staff, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the FISA debate.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DODD. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Ryan Kehmna and Ben Weingrod, both staff members from my office, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the debate on H.R. 6304.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Dionne Thompson, a fellow in the office of Senator LANDRIEU, be given floor privileges during the current session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

DISCHARGE AND REFERRAL—S. 3145

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 3145, and that it then be referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONRAD B. DUBERSTEIN UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURTHOUSE

THEODORE L. NEWTON, JR. AND GEORGE F. AZRAK BORDER PATROL STATION

JAMES M. ASHLEY AND THOMAS W.L. ASHLEY UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

TIMOTHY J. RUSSERT HIGHWAY

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the EPW

Committee be discharged and the Senate immediately proceed to the following naming bills en bloc: H.R. 430, H.R. 2728, H.R. 3712, S. 3145.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 430) to designate the United States Bankruptcy courthouse located at 271 Cadman Plaza East in Brooklyn, New York, as the "Conrad B. Duberstein United States Bankruptcy Courthouse."

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 2728) to designate the station of the United States Border Patrol located at 25762 Madison Avenue in Murrieta, California, as the "Theodore L. Newton, Jr. and George F. Azrak Border Patrol Station."

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 3712) to designate the United States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo, Ohio, as the "James M. Ashley and Thomas W.L. Ashley United States Courthouse."

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 3145) to designate a portion of United States Route 20A, located in Orchard Park, New York, as the "Timothy J. Russert Highway."

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bills be read a third time and passed, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 430) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

The bill (H.R. 2728) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

The bill (H.R. 3712) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

The bill (S. 3145) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 3145

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) Timothy "Tim" John Russert was born on May 7, 1950 in Buffalo, New York, to Elizabeth and Timothy Joseph Russert.

(2) Tim Russert graduated from Canisius High School in Buffalo, New York, earned his bachelor's degree in political science from John Carroll University in 1972, and his Juris Doctor from Cleveland State University—Marshall School of Law in 1976.

(3) Tim Russert embarked on a career in public service with United States Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan and the Governor of New York, Mario Cuomo, from 1977 to 1984.

(4) After his career in public service and New York politics, Tim Russert began his career in journalism when he joined NBC in 1984.

(5) In 1991, Tim Russert became the host of the Sunday morning news program Meet the Press, the longest-running program in the history of television. He would go on to become the longest serving host of the show.

(6) Throughout his career, Tim Russert received 48 honorary doctorates and several awards for excellence in journalism, including—

(A) the Edward R. Murrow Award from the Radio-Television News Directors Association;

(B) the John Peter Zenger Freedom of the Press Award;

(C) the American Legion Journalism Award;

(D) the Veterans of Foreign Wars News Media Award;

(E) the Congressional Medal of Honor Society Journalism Award;

(F) the Allen H. Neuharth Award for Excellence in Journalism;

(G) the David Brinkley Award for Excellence in Communication;

(H) the Catholic Academy for Communication's Gabriel Award; and

(I) an Emmy Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

(7) In 2004, Tim Russert authored the bestselling autobiography, *Big Russ and Me*, which chronicled his life growing up in South Buffalo and his education at Canisius High School. He is also the author of *Wisdom of our Fathers*.

(8) Tim Russert advocated on behalf of abused children and voiced the need to protect our Nation's young people, serving on the board of directors of the Greater Washington Boys and Girls Club and America's Promise—Alliance for Youth.

(9) Tim Russert sat in the front seat of history, chronicling the political and societal events that have defined our time, and serving as a trusted source of information and analysis for millions of Americans.

(10) Tim Russert was a tireless booster of Buffalo, a famous fan of his beloved Buffalo Bills, and was always proud of his South Buffalo roots, a source of civic pride in the Western New York community.

(11) Tim Russert passed away on June 13, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Maureen Orth and their son, Luke Russert.

SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.

The portion of United States Route 20A located in Orchard Park, New York, between Abbot Road and California Road shall be known and designated as the "Timothy J. Russert Highway".

SEC. 3. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the portion of United States Route 20A referred to in section 2 shall be deemed to be a reference to the Timothy J. Russert Highway.

THE CALENDAR

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of the following named bills on the calendar, all en bloc: Calendar No. 760, S. 2403; Calendar No. 761, S. 2837; Calendar No. 762, S. 3009; Calendar No. 763, H.R. 781; Calendar No. 764, H.R. 1019; Calendar No. 766, H.R. 4140.

I further ask unanimous consent that the bills be read a third time and passed en bloc, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SPOTTSWOOD W. ROBINSON III AND ROBERT R. MERHIGE, JR. FEDERAL COURTHOUSE

The bill (S. 2403) to designate the new Federal Courthouse, located in the 700 block of East Broad Street, Richmond,